

§ 308.1

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§ 308.1 Examination and specifications for equipment and sanitation prior to granting inspection.

Prior to inauguration of inspection, an examination of the establishment and premises shall be made by a Program employee and the requirements for sanitation and the necessary facilities for inspection shall be specified by him in accordance with the regulations in this part and part 307 of this subchapter.

§ 308.2 [Reserved]

§ 308.3 Establishments; sanitary conditions; requirements.

(a) Official establishments shall be maintained in sanitary condition, and to this end the requirements of this section shall be complied with. The provisions of part 416 of this chapter apply to all establishments, Starttime Saturday, February 05, 2000 09:51:42except establishments that are exempt in accordance with §303.1 of this chapter.

(b) There shall be abundant light, of good quality and well distributed, and sufficient ventilation for all rooms and compartments to insure sanitary condition.

(c) There shall be an efficient drainage and plumbing system for the establishment and premises, and all drains and gutters shall be properly installed with traps and vents approved by the circuit supervisor.

(d)(1) The water supply shall be ample, clean, and potable, with adequate facilities for its distribution in the plant and its protection against contamination and pollution. Every establishment shall make known and, whenever required by the circuit supervisor, shall afford opportunity for inspection of the source of its water supply, the storage facilities, and the distribution system. Equipment using potable water shall be so installed as to prevent back-siphonage into the pota-

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ble water system. Nonpotable water is permitted only in those parts of official establishments where no edible product is handled or prepared, and then only for limited purposes such as on ammonia condensers not connected with the potable water supply, in vapor lines serving inedible product rendering tanks, in connection with equipment used for hashing and washing inedible products preparatory to tanking, and in sewer lines for moving heavy solids in the sewage. Nonpotable water is not permitted for washing floors, areas, or equipment involved in trucking materials to and from edible product departments nor is it permitted in hog scalding vats, dehairing machines, or vapor lines serving edible product rendering equipment, or for cleanup of shackling pens, bleeding areas, or runways within the slaughtering department. In all cases, nonpotable waterlines shall be clearly identified and shall not be cross-connected with the potable water supply unless this is necessary for fire protection and such connection is of a type with an adequate break to assure against accidental contamination, and is approved by local authorities and by the circuit supervisor.

(2) The circuit supervisor may permit the reuse of water in vapor lines leading from deodorizers used in the preparation of lard and similar edible product and in equipment where such water is used to thermally process canned product packed in hermetically sealed containers, provided:

(i) The reuse is for the identical original purpose.

(ii) All pipelines, reservoirs, tanks, cooling towers, and like equipment employed in handling the reused water are so constructed and installed so they can be cleaned and drained, and are kept clean.

(3) Approval for the reuse of water other than specified in paragraph (d)(2) of this section or in §318.305(h) shall be obtained from the Administrator in specific cases.

(4) An ample supply of water at not less than 180° F. shall be furnished and used for the cleaning of inspection equipment, floors, and walls which are